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Including New and Rare Varieties



Cottage Gardens Company, Inc.

Nurseries

Queens, Long Island, New York

HOW TO REACH OUR NURSERIES

Our Nurseries are situated at Queens, Long Island, about twelve miles from the center of New York City and three miles east of Jamaica. They are easily reached by automobile via the Queensboro Bridge, Queens Boulevard and Hillside Avenue. They can also be reached by train from Pennsylvania Station. Visitors coming by train will be met at Queens Station if they will notify us of the time of their intended arrival.

PACKING AND DELIVERY

Where stock is shipped as carload, no charge will be made for packing, but where shipments are forwarded as broken freight or express, packing will be charged at cost.

We can make delivery by wagon or motor truck within a distance of fifty miles for which a reasonable charge will be made.

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LILACS have been exceedingly popular flowering shrubs in gardens for many years, and with the remarkable improvements that have been achieved during the past twenty-five years in superior varieties and crosses, their popularity is still increasing. This is self-evident in the enormous crowds of people that visit the lilac display every season at Highland Park, Rochester, New York, and the Arnold Arboretum, Boston, Mass. Only those who have had the great pleasure of seeing these wonderful collections can form any idea of their great beauty both in color and form of flower.

It is an error to suppose that lilacs have no particular charm, or that they cannot be seen to the best advantage except when they are in full bloom. When the clusters are partly expanded and the beauty of the unopened buds is contrasted with the open flowers is the time when the lilac displays its greatest charms. This is more particularly true, perhaps, in regard to the dark flowering lilacs, such as Congo, Pasteur, Montgolfier and Negro, which are charmingly handsome when the flower panicles are partly expanded.

It might be said that there are four shades or tints, with their infinite variations, in which the lilac reveals its greatest beauties, namely: White, creamy pink, lilac or bluish lavender, and purple red, and inside that general color scheme all the lilacs in cultivation range themselves, whether they are double or single.

Lilacs should be more largely planted in our gardens, as they are of easy culture and seem to thrive in a great variety of soil and climate, succeeding equally well in northern Michigan as in the more eastern states. A group planting of lilacs on the lawn is a beautiful sight when in bloom, but it is when grown as a single specimen that the real beauty of the lilac is seen to the best advantage. Lilacs should be planted during the months of April, May, September, October, and November.

Hybrid Lilacs

After many years of effort we are now able to offer this very extensive and choice collection of Lilacs, comprising the very best of the European introductions. Our plants have been splendidly grown, and are well furnished with flowering wood, which assures the purchaser quick and satisfactory results.

SINGLE VARIETIES

Alba Grandiflora

Very large truss of the purest white flowers. A very strong grower and makes a handsome specimen. Price, 5-6 ft., \$5.00 each.

Charles X

Blackish violaceous red. A strong grower and free flowering variety. Price, 3-4 ft., \$2.00 each.

Congo

Deep red-purple with very long panicles. Price, 4 ft., \$4.00 each.

Danton

Large compact panicles; enormous flowers of purple-red. One of the darkest of reds. Price, 3-4 ft., \$4.00 each.

Dr. Charles Jacob

Very large panicles; vinous red; a vigorous grower. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$3.00 each.

Dr. Lindley

Large compact panicles with purplish-lilac flowers. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Hugo Koster

Handsome pyramids of large well-formed flowers, pure lilac in color. Price, 3 ft., \$5.00 each.

J. D. Messmaker

Nice vinous red; very large and long panicles; large and dense foliage. Price, 3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Lamartine

A showy variety producing very elegant panicles of single mauve-pink flowers. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Leon Mathiew

A beautiful variety with enormous flowers. Viola-ceous blue in the interior; dark purple exterior. Price, 3 ft., \$3.00 each.

Leon Gambetta

Round regular imbricated flowers of pink-lilac; early. Price, 3-4 ft., \$4.00 each.

Leopold II

A splendid variety with enormous flowers of clear mauve. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$3.00 each.

Mme. Florent Stepman

A variety of extraordinary merit. The clusters are bold and handsome, and the pure white flowers very large. One of the very best single whites. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Mme. Francisque Morel

Long pointed blooms; color a beautiful clear pink. One of the very best Lilacs in cultivation. Price, 3 ft., \$3.00 each.

Marceau

Broad large panicles; enormous flowers with round lobes; color of purple violet. Price, 3 ft., \$5.00 each.

Marie Legraye

Large panicles of pure white flowers. One of the best known single whites. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Milton

Large thyrses; pure violet and pale reverse. Price, 2½ ft., \$2.00 each.

Mirabeau

Good panicles; large single flowers of mauve-lilac. The earliest of all. Price, 3-4 ft., \$5.00 each.

Montgolfier

Purple-violet with pale reverse. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Pasteur

Enormous thyrses; very large flowers of claret-red fading to violet red. Price, 3-4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Philemon

This is a remarkably free bloomer with large clusters of a beautiful shade of red. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

President Lambeau

Large thyrses; color clear lavender blue. A very striking variety. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Reamur

Voluminous thyrses, as wide as they are high. Color a dark carmine with satin-rose. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$3.00 each.

Reine Elizabeth

A pretty pure white flowering form with large clusters. The individual flowers are large with the corolla lobes wide spread. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$5.00 each.

Roi Albert

Late flowering sort. Of great value for cut flowers. Buds purple, shaded mauve when expanded. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Souv. de Louis Spath

Very large clusters of blackish-red flowers; very floriferous. An old favorite. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Souv. de Henry Simon

Very large flowers. Slaty-blue reddish-violet with silver and white reflex. Price, 3 ft., \$3.00 each.

Toussaint Louverture

Dark crimson. One of the best in red shades. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Van Aerschoft

Very long thyrses; color clear mauve. Very fine. Price, 3 ft., \$4.00 each.

Vestale

Color is pure white. The thyrses are much branched and ample, and the large individual flowers with the lobes of the corollas partly reflexed are remarkably attractive. Price, 3-4 ft., \$4.00 each.

DOUBLE VARIETIES**Belle de Nancy**

Large clusters of beautiful satiny pink flowers. A distinct and free flowering variety. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Charles Baltet

Metallic azure mauve. A very early variety. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Charles Joly

The opening flowers are deep wine-red, and change to a lighter purple red. One of the best double dark red flowering Lilacs. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Charles Sargent

Large and long compact thyrses. Confused sky-blue color, also metallic mauve. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Condorcet

Ashed blue. Very distinct. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Comtesse de Kerchove

Large compact panicles. Color ashy rose. Price, 3 ft., \$2.00 each.

De Saussure

Purple-red; large, broad panicles. A very distinct variety. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$3.00 each.

Duc de Massa

Clear violet with purple reflex; large purple buds. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Edouard Andre

Buds dark, clear rose when opened. One of the best pink Lilacs. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Georges Bellair

Vinous wallflower. A very distinct and attractive variety. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Hippolyte Maringer

Broad compact thyrses; irregular flowers of purple mauve; very free. Price, 4 ft., \$5.00 each.

Jeanne de Arc

Large panicles; large flowers of pure white. Very double. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Jules Ferry

Voluminous panicles; full irregular flowers of pale mauve and pink. Late flowering. Price, 3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Jules Simon

Large and stately panicles; broad imbricated flowers of mauve fading to azure lilac. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$3.00 each.

La Tour D'Auvergne

Purple violet. Price, 3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Lemoinei Florepleno

Carminc violet. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Linne

Lilaceous red. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Louis Henry

Violaceous pink. A very strong grower. Price, 3-4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Mme. A. Chatenay

Milk white with compact clusters. Very distinct. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Mme. Antoine Buchner

A magnificent variety producing compound clusters ten inches long. It might be described as a tender rosy mauve. Late bloomer. Price, 3-4 ft., \$5.00 each.

Mme. Casimir Perrier

Creamy white; compact bloom; very free. Price, 3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Mme Lemoine

The first double white, still one of the best. Price, 5-6 ft., \$5.00 each.

Mal. de Bassompierre

Dark carmine rose. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Marechal Lannes

Very broad panicles; double or semi-double flowers of an amazing size; color bluish violet. Price, 3-4 ft., \$4.00 each.

Mathiew de Bombasle

Mauve and purple. Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Maximowicz

Long thyrses; large flowers of violet mauve with silvery reverse. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Michael Buchner

Clear lilac; very large clusters; free flowering. Makes a very compact bush. Price, 5 ft., \$5.00 each.

Oliver de Serres

Enormous clusters of perfect flowers of azure blue.
A splendid sort. Price, 4 ft., \$5.00 each.

Paul Harriot

Violet red with silvery reflex. Buds purple. Price,
3-4 ft., \$3.00 each.

President Carnot

Large panicles; pale lilac; free bloomer. Price, 3-4
ft., \$3.00 each.

President Loubet

Large purple flowers with red buds. Price, 2½-3
ft., \$2.00 each.

Princess Clementine

Very large thyrses; pure white; very floriferous.
Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Rene Jarry Desloges

Enormous thyrses; large regular flowers of azure
lilac. Price, 3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Senateur Volland

Fuchsia red. A beautiful Lilac and a free bloomer.
Price, 4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Siebold

Creamy white with buds of amber cream. A new
shade. Large perfect flower cluster. Price, 2½-3
ft., \$3.00 each.

Victor Lemoine

Grand thyrses; large regular flowers of azure mauve
fading to a paler shade. Price, 3-4 ft., \$3.00 each.

Waldeck Rousseau

Elegant panicles one foot long; flowers pale pink.
Price, 3 ft., \$2.00 each.

William Robinson

Violaceous red; long panicles. Price, 3-4 ft., \$3.00
each.

COMMON LILAC AND SPECIES

Syringa Vulgaris

The common purple Lilac of old-time gardens. It is
a large, upright growing shrub with heart-shaped
leaves and splendid clusters of pale blue and purple
flowers of exquisite fragrance. Price, 4 ft., \$2.00 each.

Syringa Vulgaris Alba

In all respects the same as the foregoing except that
it bears beautiful clusters of white flowers. Price,
4 ft., \$2.00 each.

Syringa Rothomagensis

(Rouen Lilac.) Has arching branches and large,
loose, deep lilac flower plumes becoming lighter as
they develop. Its narrow leaves differ from that of
other Lilacs. A valuable variety for cutting. Price,
4 ft., \$2.00 each.

Syringa Rubra de Marley

Rich rosy purple flowers that are grown in great abundance. Resembles the common purple lilac and is very desirable. Price, 4 ft., \$2.00 each.

Syringa Persica

(Persian Lilac.) A fine old variety making a beautiful graceful plant. The very fragrant purple flowers are produced on loose panicles. One of the most desirable species. Price, 4 ft., \$2.00 each.

LATE FLOWERING LILACS

These late flowering species add much to the beauty of the garden during the last weeks of June and early July. They are an interesting class of shrubs and should be more extensively planted.

Syringa Josikaea

(Hungarian Lilac.) This beautiful Hungarian Lilac grows into a tall narrow shrub ten to fifteen feet in height. Has dark green lustrous leaves and violet colored flowers. Price, 3-4 ft., \$2.00 each.

Syringa Villosa

(Himalayan Lilac.) A native of Northern China. Grows into a handsome round-topped bush ten to twelve feet high with wide broad clusters of flesh-colored or nearly white flowers. Price, 3-4 ft., \$2.00 each.

Syringa Wilsonii

A tall, vigorous, fast growing shrub with erect stems. The long branched panicles of rose-colored flowers are very showy. Prices, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Syringa Wolfii

A new variety from Northern Korea having long, pointed dull green leaves and large clusters of violet-purple flowers. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

Syringa Reflexa

A recent introduction from Western China. A very distinctive variety when in flower, as the large clusters are gracefully arched and pendant on long stems. Color is a beautiful deep rose. Price, 2½-3 ft., \$2.00 each.

TREE LILAC

Syringa Japonica

This native of Northern Japan grows into a small round topped tree fifteen to twenty feet in height with handsome dark green foliage. The creamy white flowers are produced in large panicles often eighteen inches in length. Syringa Japonica is the last of the Lilacs to bloom. Price, 4-5 ft., \$2.00 each.

The beautiful illustration on the cover of this booklet is from a photograph of part of the wonderful collection of Lilacs in Highland Park, Rochester, New York. Much credit is due Mr. John Dunbar, Park Horticulturist, for the bringing together of this large and valuable collection of these plants, possibly without an equal anywhere in the world. Every year during the flowering season thousands of people come long distances to view the marvelous display of bloom.

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